



COUNCIL of UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM FACULTY

CUSF Executive Committee
Zoom
Wednesday December 4, 2024
12:00-1:00 pm

Attendee	Modality
Heather Haverback - Chair (TU)	Zoom
Tom Abrams – Vice Chair (UMB)	Zoom
Lorenda Naylor – Member at large (UBalt)	Zoom
Loretta Baryeh – Secretary (CSU)	Zoom
Nagaraj Neerchal – Member at Large (UMBC)	Absent
Alison Wrynn – (USM)*	Zoom
Kelsey Beckett – (USM)*	Zoom

*Non-Voting ExCom Members.

Committee Chairs present

Ben Arah, Holly Brewer, Jay Zimmerman

General Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, September 17 - Virtual- 10:00-12:30
- 9:30-10:00 *New Member Orientation*
- Monday, October 28th- In Person (Towson University)- 9:30-1:00 (*lunch will be served*)
- Tuesday, November 19th Tri-Council Meeting (*details forthcoming*)
- Tuesday, December 10th –Virtual- 9:30-1:00
- Wednesday, January 22nd- In Person (Adelphi)- 9:30-1:00 (*lunch will be served*)
- Wednesday, February 12th- Virtual- 9:30-1:00
- Wednesday, March 5th- Modality TBD – 9:30-1:00
- Wednesday, April 9th- Modality TBD – 9:30-1:00
- Friday, May 9th – Modality TBD – 9:30-1:00

1. Call to Order**12:00-12:02**

Heather Haverback, Chair, called the meeting to order

2. Approval of Nov 6, 2024 CUSF Executive Committee Minutes**12:02-12:03**

Minutes were approved.

3. Faculty Committee Reports 12:04-12:40**a. Awards:**

Ben shared that they received 42 applicants for the BOR awards. They are meeting on Friday to finalize the awardees.

b. Academic Affairs : NA**c. Education Policy :NA****d. Legislative Affairs**

Holly shared that the committee has been working on collective bargaining rights. She wants to bring it up at the next CUSF meeting. The chair of the senate at Frostburg attended legislative affairs meetings. According to Holly, there are concerns for leadership at Frostburg. Frostburg is facing a retrenchment issue. The chair of the senate at Frostburg is supposed to send a report.

e. Research

Tom shared that for the past 2.5 years, the Research Committee has been considering the proposal for a USM-wide Research Portal system, consisting of a web database where faculty researchers could share: 1) research topics, 2) research approaches or techniques, and 3) contact info.

There are two major challenges:

- a) The creation and maintenance of the website and
- b) The participation of a substantial percentage of faculty researchers on the Research Portal.

Tom shared that we have the tentative support of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Michele Masucci, though there are still mechanical and fiscal issues to address. While the CUSF Research Committee can make substantial progress on these fronts, the interest among USM faculty is difficult to assess.

f. Rules

Jay expressed concerns about threats towards faculty and what policy is available

Jay shared that they were waiting for CUSF to run election.

4. Report from USM**12:43-12:48****Alison Wrynn, USM, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs**

Alison shared that the need in southern Maryland for teachers and health workers is great. She attended the MHEAC meeting.

Kelsey Beckett, USM, Chief of Staff for Dr. Alison Wrynn & Director of Operations

Kelsey shared about the BOR recommendation for reporting requirement, policy on Sex Discrimination. Its proposed revisions related to reporting requirements that came out of the Major Investigations Taskforce, which was a small group of Regents brought together to review policies and processes for reporting related to major investigations.

5. Chair Updates**12:48-12:55**

Heather Haverback, Chair, provided an update. She attended the BOR meetings on Nov 22. Tri-council meeting went well. She emphasized the need for a policy on bullying.

Adjourned 1:00 PM